

**Executive Committee  
Meeting Notes  
April 15, 2010**

**Participants:** Alan Kreger, Jack Sprague, Beth Shapiro, Judy Levy, Vivien Husueh, Spencer Schron, Elaine Binder, Odile Saddi;  
**Guests:** John Honig, Les Trachtman

Topic	Discussion Points	Decisions/follow-up
Oversight Committee	Spence reported that HHS has some money available to purchase a \$300 training packet, developed by the Mental Health Association, to train nursing home staff in working with seniors who have mental health issues. Committee will propose a summer study project to develop a proposal for this effort.	Committee will develop proposal at its next meeting
Public Policy Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jack tracked 19 Bills; 5 were tax bills doomed to fail. 10 of the 14 remaining passed. Losses: financial crimes; end of life; silver hair legislature and implementation of Communities for Lifetime. Passed: Establishment of communities for Lifetime Commission; uniform adult guardianship; Kramer bills on reverse mortgages; protection of nursing home residents from sexual predators; credentialing selling of insurance to seniors and elimination of telephone bill abuses by 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors.</li> <li>Committee is developing summer study proposals, one of which is to work on Communities for Lifetime bill that failed in hopes of making it more viable for next year.</li> </ul>	<p>Jack will report results to Commission</p> <p>Committee will write summer study proposals</p>
Health and Wellness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judy reported on the presentation the Committee heard about Emergency Preparedness effort. An Advisory Panel is being created, and Commission participation is desired.</li> <li>May 3 is Aging with Attitude event.</li> <li>the Committee is developing 2 summer study proposals, one on End of Life which would include partnership with Commissions on Health and Disability and End of life Coalition. The second is on education about the elements of Healthcare reform that affect seniors.</li> </ul>	<p>Judy will ask Commissioners about interest in Emergency Preparedness Advisory Panel and about volunteering for May 3 even.</p> <p>Education about Healthcare Reform could be a topic for a Commission meeting.</p>
Stakeholders	Elaine complimented Beth, Paula, Grace and Spence on the outstanding	Beth will report to the Commission,

	work they have done planning the Stakeholders Meeting. Invitations have gone out and an agenda has been set. Once responses come it, the committee will plan the details of the day.	emphasizing the importance of attending and being good listeners.
Annual Meeting	The Officers are planning the meeting. Elaine reported on the details planned to date. Keynote Speaker will be Ilene Rosenthal who staffed the Empowerment Zones (aka Communities for a Lifetime) Commission. Other speakers are being invited, and an agenda will be prepared.	Elaine will emphasize the importance of attending this meeting at the Commission meeting.
Budget Update	Odile updated the group on the budget. HHS Committee is holding a hearing this afternoon on details of the Aging section's budget. Elaine and John will attend. She heard about the proposal to eliminate free Ride-on from Vivien a few days ago but has been unable to find out who proposed this. This is an effort to increase revenues by charging seniors and people with disabilities. Public testimony will occur on April 22 at 7:30. Elaine and Vivien will testify and hope others will do so also.	
Council member meetings	<p>The committee discussed the issues that we want Commissioners to convey in their meetings with council members. The following was decided:</p> <p><u>We do not want to see Elimination of Free Ride-On for Seniors and People with Disabilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of rides has doubled from 700,000 in January 2008 when 24/7 free Ride-One service was instituted to 1,537,000 in December 2009.</li> <li>• 6% of the Ride-On population are seniors or people with disabilities</li> <li>• Free Ride-On meets the needs of people who don't have cars. They tend to have limited incomes</li> <li>• Ride-On enables them to get to medical appointments, grocery shopping and senior centers</li> <li>• This really is raising revenue from these people who can least afford it and who have the greatest need for this service.</li> <li>• Our belief is that if the fares are instituted these folks will stay home, be more isolated and end up living in difficult situations.</li> </ul>	Elaine will send email out to Commissioner

	<p>The Executive Committee did a brief priority-setting exercise and asked Commissioners to discuss the issues in the following order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-Home Care</li> <li>• Nutrition</li> <li>• Transportation to Senior Centers and Grocery Shopping</li> <li>• Ombudsman Position</li> <li>• Dental Services</li> </ul>	
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